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CONVERSION OF CINEMA HALLS INTO COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications from cinema hall owners pending for approval for converting the cinema halls into commercial complexes in Delhi;

(b) whether the Government had in past banned such conversion of cinema halls into commercial complexes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for permitting such conversion now?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC) have reported that no application for approval of building plans for converting the cinema halls into commercial complexes in Delhi is pending with them.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that three applications of building plans are pending with it in this regard.

(b)to(d): Government had, on 27.8.1992, allowed applications for conversion of cinema plots to commercial use, subject to the condition that where such use exists, minimum of 300 seats are retained for Cinema and remaining area is used for such purpose as are permitted in District Centres.

Further, according to Master Plan of Delhi- 2001, cinema ispermitted in Central Business District, District Centres and Commercial Centre. The uses permitted in the cinema house are cinema, watch & ward residence, administrative office, soft drink and snack stall retail shop and commercial office according to which permissions have been granted.